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## 5th ANNUAL AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH PERFORMANCES

Music | Dance | Art

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### SAHEL

Sahel honors the rich diversity of musical backgrounds by drawing inspiration from their own backgrounds, several musical traditions, and their own creative evolution. Their repertoire includes island Zouk, Senegalese Mbalax, and Samba, Reggae and Salsa from Latin America.



### KANKOURAN WEST AFRICAN DANCE COMPANY

In over three decades of its existence, KanKouran West African Dance Company has been committed to preserving and promoting traditional West African culture. Their performances provide quality entertainment and educational programs to local and national audiences thereby encouraging cross-cultural exchange and enrichment.





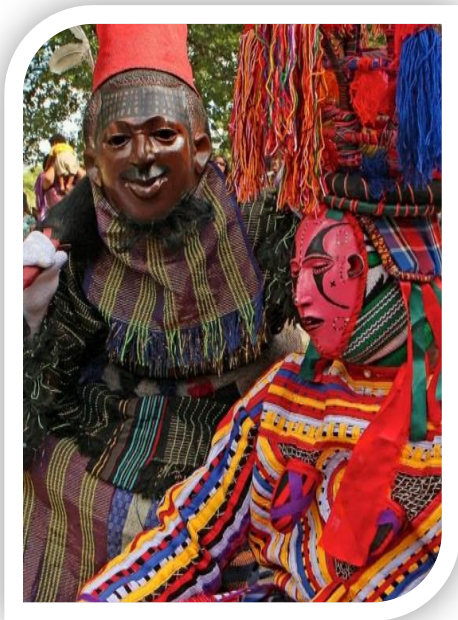
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## WAYNA

Wayna's voice is as sweet and pure as it is honest and passionate. As a singer/songwriter, she has drawn inspiration from musical giants the likes of Minnie Riperton, Billie Holiday, Stevie Wonder, and Donny Hathaway. Wayna blends African, reggae and soul music to arrive at her own unique expression – one that has earned her wide acclaim and a Grammy nomination.



## OMENANA IGBO USA

Omenana Igbo USA, Inc., is a Nigerian cultural organization formed to protect and preserve Igbo language and culture through teaching, dance, performance, and art. Ichie Omenana/Ochomma is a combination of two masquerades depicting the reincarnation of an Igbo husband and wife who are deeply in love.



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## KIGNET TRADITIONAL ETHIOPIAN BAND

Kignet's combined experience spans over two decades of performance in Ethiopia's esteemed stages. This 18-member band performs classic folkloric songs and compositions from all around Ethiopia with grooves that invite their audience to move!

## SOUNDSCAPES BY DJ UNDERDOG

Born Timoteo Fabrega in Panama, DJ Underdog came to DC at age seven with his mother. Today, he is one of the most sought after DJs in the DC music circuit as his sets traverse Hip Life, Soukous, Coupé-Décalé, Zouk, Brazilian, Samba, Kuduro, Cumbia, Afrobeat, Tribal House and Kwaito mixed and served to perfection!





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## EMÉ & HETERU

Emé & Heteru is a whirlwind of musical and cultural diversity based in DC. With DC-based Nigerian Emé as its lead singer, this band sets itself apart with dynamic world music that continues to break the identity barrier with mass appeal that goes straight to your sweet spot.

## MOTO MOTO MARIMBA

Moto Moto marimba is a dynamic group of musicians performing Shona songs from Zimbabwe. Moto is a Shona word meaning fire. Just like fire, Moto Moto marimba music's hot rhythms compels you to get up and shine on the dance floor

